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In re Application of:

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Examiner: Jannelle Morillo

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The Examiner in charge of the above-identified application telephoned applicant's representatives on August 6, 2003, to communicate a Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 among Group I, claims 1-5 and Group II, claims 6-9.

In response to that requirement, applicant's undersigned representative made a provisional election during a telephone conference with the Examiner on August 8, 2003 to prosecute the invention of Group I (i.e., claims 1-5) in this application. Applicant's undersigned representative hereby confirms that this

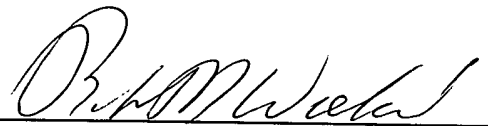
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provisional election was made with traverse, since no adequate basis therefor has yet been stated in the record.

Search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 which states that "[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits." This policy should apply in the present application to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to applicant and unnecessary duplicative examination by the USPTO.

Respectfully submitted,

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